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OF THE
SELECTMEN,
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AND
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For the Year 1880--81.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF ORONO,

FOR THE YEAR 1880-81

TO THE INHABITANTS OF ORONO :

We the undersigned, herewith respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending March 1st, 1881.

At your last annual meeting the following sums were appropriated viz:

For Highways,	\$1000 00
Common Schools,	2312 00
Free High School,	500 00
Incidental Expenses,	1800 00
Support of the Poor,	1000 00
Ringling the Bell,	40 00
Fire Department	300 00
Paying Town Debt,	1000 00
Interest,	700 00
Repair McPhetres Bridge,	50 00
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	\$8702 00
To this we add State Tax,	2625 10
County Tax,	923 23
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Making whole amount to be assessed,	\$12,250 33
Overlayings,	389 75
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	\$12,640 08
Total valuation of Estates is \$501,913 00	
On which we assess 2 2-10 per cent gives,	\$11,042 08
515 Polls, on which we assess \$3 each,	1545 00
53 Dogs on which we assess, \$1 each,	53 00
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	\$12,640 08

Below we give in detail the items for which the several appropriations have been expended.

FOR REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Benj. R. Mosher, for labor,	\$6 50
Nathan Frost, paid out for labor,	7 95
Samuel Baker, for labor,	12 00
James Kelliher, "	17 12
Chas. Hammond, "	2 50
Geo. W. Harris, "	14 50
Thos. Kelley, "	5 06
J. J. Colburn, "	12 57
James Ambrose, "	24 00
Joseph McPhetres, "	13 00
William Shine, "	1 25
Dennis McAuliffe, "	46 61
Michael Sullivan, "	30 84
Elijah Wyman, "	14 50
Hector Morrison, "	13 75
John Chaplin, "	6 24
Wm. Smyth, "	31 85
Fred Parsons, "	6 88
E. Parkhurst, for gravel,	11 25
Bernard Cain, for labor,	4 00
Baptiste Buraby, "	3 00
Erastus Downs, "	8 10
Timothy Collins, "	32 00
Stinson Peaslee, "	18 50
Peter Perry, "	8 75
John F. Page, "	8 44
Richard Alum, "	10 75
John H. Davis, "	29 40
John Hurley, "	7 50
C. M. Gould, for nails,	83
Martin Newman, for labor,	21 75
M. S. Johnston, "	30 82
P. D. Webster, "	10 50
Philip Shine, "	29 87
H. H. Page, "	21 12
Hen. Hutchinson, "	1 00
Morris McAuliffe, "	12 00
Benj. King, "	4 20
Chas. Kelley, "	3 75
O. F. Abbot, "	5 00

F. B. Kelley, for labor,	\$1 37
John Kielty, "	5 50
Albert Perkins, "	4 50
R. M. Crombie, for nails and tools,	1 33
Joseph O'Hara, for labor,	2 30
W. W. Temple, "	46 87
R. J. Hamilton, for nails,	97
C. W. Southard, for labor,	2 25
E. W. Mansfield, "	12 12
Henry Marcho, "	11 00
Geo. P. Gilman, "	18 65
Wm. Hagerty, for labor,	2 30
Nathan Frost, "	48 00
J. H. Nash, "	15 00
A. B. Sutton, "	54 62
Michael Kelley, "	13 00
Mrs. Moses Babb, " team and man,	45 56
Ehas Clark, "	9 00
J. G. Spaulding, "	43 25
Joel Hawes, "	27 24
J. W. Coombs, for taking down fence,	2 00
A. G. Ring, " lumber,	25 41
Valentine Page, labor,	22 50
Thos. Gilbert, "	16 12
Thos. M. Perry, "	14 56
Peter Pooler, "	9 60
A. J. Heald, "	7 50
Chas. Haley, "	4 50
A. B. Mosher, "	17 75
E. T. & E. E. Ring, for lumber,	13 74
Eben Webster, " " and labor,	47 81
Ira E. Parsons, labor,	8 20
Nath'l Wilson, "	1 62
C. H. Colburn, "	17 25
Jas. Walker & Co., "	4 37
Daniel Wright, "	1 25
Thos. Hagerty, "	1 90
Henry Rolf, "	6 00
Jas. Newman, "	9 00
Thos. M. Dean, "	3 00
Chas. Labree, "	4 37
Mitchel Cowan, "	3 50
Isaac Smart, "	6 00
Stewart Inman, "	6 50

W. H. Colburn, labor,	\$20 00
Richard Ambrose, "	9 00
W. H. Irish, " repairing tools	91
Chas. Johnson, "	6 00
Wm. Marcho, "	1 50
J. B. Colburn, "	25 00
K. Cowan, "	1 50
Pat'k Fitzgerald, "	1 50
Wm. R. Bartlett, " and gravel,	25 50
Peter Pooler, "	17 35
H. F. Decker, "	4 00
John Keilty, "	1 18
Robert Good, "	2 00
Jas. Ambrose, "	1 00
John F. Blake, "	6 12
John Chaplin, "	2 50
E. M. Bartlett, "	1 87
W. H. Ward, "	1 50
Levi Dennett, for scraper,	2 25
E. P. Butler, for steps and crosswalk on Oak St.,	2 00
E. Mansfield, for iron work,	2 98
O. Holt, labor,	1 00
Jas. Newman, "	7 00
Daniel Emery, for repairs on tools,	1 15
Nathan Frost, for cash paid for labor,	17 82
Jas. Colburn, labor,	1 25
Martin McPhetres, "	2 00
Amount of orders drawn,	<u>\$1,337 81</u>

CREDIT.

Amount of appropriation,	\$1000 00
Amount of appropriation for bridge,	50 00
	<u>\$1050 00</u>
Overdrawn,	\$287 81

In our last annual report we recommended that the sum of \$300 be raised to rebuild the bridge over the McPhetres brook on the Bangor road, but the inhabitants of the town thought \$50 was enough, and that amount was appropriated for the purpose. We have not attempted to rebuild the bridge, as this sum would hardly make a beginning; we have repaired the bridge from time to time, to keep it from falling down. The bridge is unsafe for travel and we are liable to have an accident there, that will cost the town a large sum of money. We again urge you not to postpone the matter, but make an appropriation sufficient to rebuild it, and have the bridge made safe as soon as possible.

SCHOOL FUND.

Paid Walter R. Lunt, sawing wood,	\$1 20
Asa Inman, preparing and putting in wood,	4 14
Geo. H. Dean, " " "	4 80
Frank Lancaster, " " "	4 00
Thos. Kelley, " " "	1 50
Wm. H. Ward, " " "	9 62
A. J. Durgin, repairs,	71 27
Chas. W. Gibbs, teaching Select School,	213 00
W. E. Ferguson, " " "	72 00
S. H. Powell, " High School,	1000 00
Laura R. Andrews, assistant teacher High School,	104 00
Carrie C. Johnston, teaching,	73 20
M. Addie Powers, " "	210 00
Nellie E. Weeks, " "	60 00
Ellen Libbey, " "	136 80
Lizzie B. Ring, " "	210 00
Mary A. Crowell, " "	126 00
Nellie M. Holt, " "	126 00
Alice Wise, " "	196 00
Hattie E. Hays, " "	126 00
L. Maria Buffum, " "	126 00
Annie M. Gee, " "	126 00
J. H. Cain, " "	77 00
J. C. Wilson, " "	108 00
Geo. A. Sutton, " "	65 00
A. J. Durgin, " "	108 00
Herbert Webster, " "	96 00
Mrs. Ambrose, cleaning school rooms,	1 18
James Ambrose, " " "	4 78
Joseph G. Kelley, building fires and care of rooms,	21 00
Willie Perry, " " " " " "	2 80
——Bartlett, " " " " " "	3 00
Mortimer Wilson, " " " " " "	3 00
Eddie King, " " " " " "	3 00
John Perry, " " " " " "	3 00
Llewellyn Grant, " " " " " "	5 00
Walter A. Sewall, " " " " " "	5 00
Dan'l W. Bennoch, " " " " " "	13 00
M. W. Tewksbury, school books,	68 43
S. H. Powell, " "	7 80
Knight, Adams & Co., " "	5 00
Clark & Maynard, " "	14 58
A. S. Barnes & Co., " "	24 66

Cowperthwaite & Co., school books,	\$22 75
Patrick Wall, repairs,	4 25
John D. Cole, paints and painting,	65 74
Olin B. Bridge, " " "	133 57
E. M. Bailey, lumber and repairs,	20 20
Mrs. M. A. Corson, trucking,	2 75
J. H. Nash, for wood,	105 81
Sam'l Libbey, cash paid out for supplies,	14 05
Sam'l Libbey, supplies furnished,	35 63
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Amount of orders drawn,	\$4045 51

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Appropriation—Common Schools,	\$2312 00	
" Free High Schools,	500 00	
Amount received from State,	1327 60	
Over payment refunded,	9 00	
Sale of old seats,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$4168 60
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Unexpended,		\$123 09

This appropriation is expended under the direction of the S. S. Committee. While the report of the Committee shows the same amount expended as is shown in the above statement, there is a difference in the balances. It has been the practice of the Selectmen to deal only with the appropriations and receipts for the current year; but as the law not only obliges a town to raise a stated amount of money for the support of schools, it also requires that every dollar shall be expended *for schools*, and nothing else. The Committee bring forward the balance from previous years and add it to the fund of the current year, thereby increasing the fund by that amount, while the Selectmen do not; hence the difference.

INCIDENTAL FUND.

Paid E. O. Leach & Co., for gasolene in 1879,	\$16 19
Gilbert & Barker Manuf'g Co., for gasolene,	51 47
S. S. Smith & Son, for printing town reports,	40 25
E. F. Shaw, painting Town House,	148 45
Wm. Merrifield, care Town Hall,	60 00
J. Sewall, serving writ,	4 57
A. J. Durgin, making tax lists,	31 70
R. M. Crombie, sundries for Town House,	2 90
N. W. Bond, repair " "	2 75
E. & N. A. Railway Co., freight on gasolene,	5 50
Alansen Kenney, collecting taxes,	225 00

Eben Webster, cement and brick for Town House,	\$5 50
Patrick Wall, topping chimney " "	3 10
C. H. Colburn, night watch,	3 00
T. M. Dean, " "	6 75
Wm. Merrifield, repairs on Town House,	4 07
O. B. Bridge, painting old Engine House,	5 00
Patrick Wall, repairs on " "	1 00
D. Bugbee & Co., Town order book,	3 50
Chas. L. Allen, maintaining water trough,	3 00
J. H. Emery, " " "	3 00
A. S. McPhetres, making " "	6 67
C. M. Gould, 2 barrels,	20
A. G. Ring, for paid land rent and expense Hardy school house,	14 00
Wood, Bishop & Co., register for Town Hall,	3 70
Alanson Kenney, Constable service,	3 00
R. M. Crombie, nails,	1 77
E. P. Butler, insurance town buildings,	59 76
E. P. Butler, postage, expressage, &c.,	3 40
A. G. Ring, services and expenses as Town Agent,	27 34
A. G. Ring, for paid witnesses at Court,	27 33
Solomon Gee, care town clock,	10 00
Geo. W. Brown, care of tramps,	1 50
Nathan Frost, sawing and putting in wood, Town House,	6 35
Wm. H. McCrillis, for paid execution, expenses, and his services in case of Kelley vs. Orono,	251 81
J. C. Wilson, legal services,	8 00
Samuel Libby, books, glass, powder, &c.,	5 41
Nathl. Wilson, services as S. S. Committee,	30 00
E. N. Mayo, " " "	25 00
Samuel Libby, " " "	20 00
E. P. Butler, " Town Treasurer,	75 00
E. P. Butler, " Town Clerk,	20 00
Eben Webster, " Selectmen, Assessor, &c.,	125 00
A. F. Lewis, " " " "	100 00
Nathan Frost, " " " "	62 00
Insane Hospital, support of Mrs. Southard,	53 51

Amount of orders drawn,	\$1567 45
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CREDIT.

Appropriation,	\$1800 00
Received from Clara Southard, on account of support of Mrs. Southard,	19 00
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	\$1819 00
Unexpended by orders,	<hr/>
	\$251 55

The amount of orders drawn against this appropriation is larger than usual. The cost in the Kelley case, painting Town House, and an assessment of the Penobscot Mutual Fire Insurance Company, amounting to \$436 in all, covers the larger part of the excess. These are unusual expenses, and will not be taken into consideration in raising money for the ensuing year; we think the usual amount (\$1800) will be sufficient. The discount on taxes is paid from this fund.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND.

Paid Chas. T. Henderson, wood for Monitor House, 1879,	\$7 50
Geo. W. Neal, repairs on Monitor Engine,	2 25
Bangor Edge Tool Co., repairs on Monitor Engine,	20 00
N. W. Bond, repairs on Monitor House,	8 38
O. B. Bridge, painting Monitor Engine,	12 00
E. Mansfield, repairs, " "	6 19
S. Libbey, alcohol and oil Monitor Engine,	4 50
D. B. Tenney, care of " "	40 00
N. W. Bond, repair Eagle Engine, .	1 85
Wm. Merrifield, care of Eagle Engine and Tiger,	60 00
Sam'l Libbey, oil, &c., for Eagle Engine,	5 75
A. H. Babcock, coal for Eagle Engine room,	10 89
Andrew Smyth, hauling coal,	2 65
Wm. Merrifield, repairs on apparatus,	10 75
T. M. Dean, filling cisterns,	8 25
J. H. Davis, " "	9 00
Chas. W. Johnson, repairs on cisterns,	1 75
Wm. Merrifield, " " "	10 47
Wm. Merrifield, cleaning snow from cisterns,	8 00
D. B. Tenney, " " " "	6 04
A. B. Mosher, express bill and leather,	6 55
O. F. Abbott, watching fire one night,	1 50
C. P. Spencer, wood for Monitor Engine House,	14 00
Amount of orders drawn,	<hr/> \$258 27
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Appropriation,	300 00
Unexpended,	<hr/> \$41 73

This appropriation is expended under the direction of the Fire Wardens. We respectfully refer you to their report for further information in regard to this department.

PAUPER FUND.

Paid Town of Veazie support of Sarah Antoine,	\$11 78
A. F. Lewis, " " " "	12 50
Town of Hudson, " " Nancy Mansel,	7 50
Insane Hospital, " " Mary Doe,	96 01
Edward Jordan, harness for Town Farm,	29 00
Singer Manuf'g Co., express wagon Town Farm,	40 00
Dexter Merrill, ashes for " "	10 00
Eben Webster, meal and lumber for " "	6 47
J. B. Chase, supplies	10 00
C. M. Gould, " "	94 84
R. M. Crombie, " "	126 85

N. W. Bond, supplies,	\$10 20
R. J. Hamilton, "	44 43
C. B. Ring, "	12 87
J. Page, "	16 50
Holmes & Lewis, supplies,	51 01
Jas. Walker & Co., supplies and rent,	8 75
Chas. Buffum, "	8 15
A. D. Libbey, care of tramps,	1 00
Geo. W. Harris, services himself and wife at Alms House,	200 00
J. H. Knox, medical attendance on Diana Lawrence,	7 00
B. E. Donigan, clothing,	5 00
S. Peaslee, rent for Mrs. Crosby,	6 00
City of Lewiston, support of Mary Pooler,	35 00
John Widewake, " " John Burgoyne,	40 00
Town of Brewer, " " J. Sylvester,	13 50
Wm. Marden, wood for J. Yonng,	2 00
Dan'l. Emery, iron work, shoeing, &c.,	5 53
Dr. J. H. Knox, medical attendance per vote of Town,	50 00
Dr. J. H. Knox, medicine furnished,	16 00
Dr. E. N. Mayo, medical attendance per vote of Town,	50 00
Samuel Libbey, for medicine,	13 18
Samuel Libbey, paints, glass, &c.,	5 08

Amount of orders drawn,	\$1046 15
" due from other towns, last report.	212 87

\$1259 02

CR.

Appropriation,	\$1000 00
Received from other towns,	69 04
Amount due from other towns.	200 67
	<hr/> \$1269 71

Unexpended,	\$10 69
Number of inmates at the Alms House, March 1, 1880, was	13
Admitted since then,	4
	<hr/> 17
Discharged during the year,	10
Deceased,	2
Number in the Alms House, March 1, 1881,	5
	<hr/> 17

As follows, viz:—Mrs. L. Cheney, Joseph Brown, Adel Brown, Minnie Brown, and George Brown. Mrs. Mary Doe died at the Insane Hospital, and John King died at the Alms House, during the year.

The cost of board at the Alms House has been higher than last year. The number of weeks board is 130 less than last year, while the cost of maintaining the establishment has been but a few dollars less. There has also been considerable sickness there, which has taken a great deal of care from the Superintendent, thereby preventing him from doing as much work for outside parties as usual. We give these as some of the reasons for the increased cost per week—Statement:

TOWN FARM.

Dr.

Paid Geo. W. Harris and wife, for services,	\$200 00
Geo. W. Harris, for supplies furnished,	188 65
Supplies from other sources,	320 95
	<hr/> \$709 60

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By produce sold and labor of Harris for outside parties,	\$188 65
" 401 weeks board of inmates, @ \$1 30,	520 95
	<hr/> \$709 60

Inventory of Farm Products, Stock, Household Stores, &c., Feb. 28th, 1881, with estimated value.

2 tons Hay,	\$ 36 00
½ " Straw,	4 00
40 bushels Potatoes,	20 00
6 " Barley,	4 20
25 " Beets,	12 50
4 " Beans,	8 00
6 " Turnips,	2 00
1 barrel Beef,	14 00
1 " Pork,	22 00
15 lbs. Sugar,	1 50
10 " Lard,	1 20
12 " Butter,	3 00
6 " Soap,	30
3 " Tea,	1 20
20 " Tallow,	1 20
2 gallons Molasses,	1 00
1 bushel Meal,	70
1 Horse,	100 00
2 Cows,	75 00
13 Fowls,	6 50
2 Shotes,	20 00
25 Cords Hardwood,	75 00
12 " Softwood,	18 00
Household furnitnre,	225 00
Farm Tools, Carriages, etc.,	209 25
Farm and buildings, including Dunham house and wood lot,	3000 00
	<hr/> \$3861 55

By request of a large number of the citizens of the town, we herewith report the names of persons having a settlement here, who have received aid from the town, outside the Alms House, during the year 1880, with the amount furnished each.

David Antoine and wife,	\$14 50
Joseph Burgoyne,	40 00
Joseph Brown and family,	17 94
Mrs. H. Crosby, rent,	6 00
Frank Clair and family,	26 85
Zebulon Doe,	5 00
Abbot George,	5 00
George Perry,	8 34
Mrs. Mary Pooler,	35 00

John Sylvester and family,	13 50	
Henrietta Ward,	14 73	
John Young, and wife,	16 08	
The appropriation for ringing the bell was,		\$40 00
This amount we have paid to James Park, for ringing the bell during the year,		40 00

LOAN ORDERS.

Acting under authority granted by the the town, we have made and issued loan orders to the amount of \$7525, during the year. The Treasurer's report will show what disposition has been made of them.

RECAPITULATION.

Amount appropriated by the town, which is subject to the orders of the Selectmen,		\$7002 00
Received from the State on account of Schools,		1327 60
" " other sources,		208 95
Total amount subject to order,		<u>\$8538 55</u>
Orders drawn on Highway fund,	1337 81	
" " " Pauper "	1046 15	
" " " Incidental fund,	1567 45	
" " " School "	4045 57	
" " " Fire Dept. "	258 27	
" " " Bell "	40 00	
		<u>\$8295 19</u>
Unexpended by orders,		\$243 36
Add overlappings in making assessment,		389 75
Leaving the sum of		<u>\$633 11</u>

to cover abatements and discounts for prompt payment of taxes. In addition to the above the town raised \$1,000 for the reduction of the debt, and \$700 to pay interest on loans. These sums have been expended by the Treasurer, as shown in his report, to which you are respectfully referred for fuller details as to the financial standing of the town, which in some particulars is very favorable, but on the whole is not what we had hoped for, owing to a few extraordinary expenses which could not be foreseen at the time of our last annual meeting, and therefore were not provided for. The principal items are expense of lawsuits, and maintaining patients in the Insane Asylum at Augusta. We recommend that the following sums be raised for the year 1881 :

For Highways,	\$1200 00	
support of paupers,	1000 00	
common schools,	1800 00	
free high schools,	500 00	
incidental expenses,	1800 00	
fire department,	300 00	
building bridge over McPhetres brook,	300 00	
ringing the bell,	40 00	
reduction of Town debt,	1000 00	
interest on Loans,	600 00	
		<u>\$8540 00</u>

We again call your attention to the subject of Tax Deeds held by the town. Although the Treasurer's report shows a very gratifying reduction from last year, in the amount so held, yet we believe that some action might be taken by the town, which would result in a still greater reduction during the ensuing year, without distressing any one; and we would suggest that some action be taken at the next annual meeting that will assist the municipal officers in discharging their duties in this matter.

EBEN WEBSTER, } Selectmen
A. F. LEWIS, } of
NATHAN FROST } Orono.

Correct :—ALBERT WHITE, Auditor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the town for Orono respectfully submits the following his Annual Report of the year ending March 1, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

For Balance March 1. 1880,	\$124 35
Non Residents taxes paid	56 34
Interest paid on same	5 66
Redemption of tax deeds,	402 28
Interest paid on same,	54 99
Rent of Town Hall,	65 45
“ “ Old Office building.	22 50
Pensions refunded by State,	120 00
School Fund by S. S. Committee,	29 00
“ “ “ State,	1327 60
Pauper “ “ other towns,	93 04
Taxes collected by S. Peaslee Collector,	15 00
“ “ “ A. Kenney “	12544 07
Loans on issue of Loan Orders,	7525 00
	<hr/> \$22,385 28

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for advertising Taxes,	\$8 25
Non Residents Taxes of 1879 returned,	45 43
“ “ “ “ sold,	48 28
Resident “ “ “ “	144 44
“ “ “ 1878 “	27 18
Discount allowed by Collector,	875 64
Abatements allowed Collectors,	186 17
State pensions paid,	120 00
Paid balance of County tax of 1879	480 93
On County Tax of 1880	300 00
State Tax of 1880	2625 10
Loans,	8825 00
Interest on Loans,	601 47
Town Orders,	7429 71
Cash balance,	667 68
	<hr/> \$22,385 28

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

TOWN ORDERS.

Amount outstanding, March 1. 1880	328 03	
“ Issued,	8295 17	8623 20
“ paid and cancelled	7429 69	
“ outstanding March 1, 1881	1193 51	8623 20

LOAN.

Amount outstanding March 1, 1880	10973 00	
“ issued	7525 00	
“ paid and cancelled	8825 00	
“ outstanding March 1, 1881	9673 00	
		\$18,498 00
		\$18498 00

TAX DEEDS.

Amount held March 1, 1880	2600 64	
“ received,	219 90	
“ redeemed,	402 28	2820 54
“ held March 1, 1881,	2418 26	
		\$2820 54

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Due on County Tax, March 1, 1880,	480 93	
County Tax of 1880,	923 23	
State Tax of 1880,	2625 10	4029 26
Paid on County Taxes,	780 93	
Paid on State Tax,	2625 10	
Due on County Tax of 1880,	623 23	
		4029 26

COLLECTORS.

S. Peaslee, due on '75 and '76, March 1, 1880,	234 77	
“ paid,	15 00	
		219 77
A. Kenney, due on '77, '78, '79, March 1,	4511 09	
“ committed. 1880,	12706 08	
“ paid,	17217 17	
	12544 07	4673 10
Total amount due from collectors,		\$4892 87

COLLECTORS ACCOUNTS UNSETTLED.

For the year 1875,	26 83	
“ “ 1876,	192 94	
“ “ 1877,	28 05	
“ “ 1878,	262 16	
“ “ 1879,	718 95	
“ “ 1880,	3,663, 94	
		\$4,892 87

RECAPITULATION.

LIABILITIES.

Due on County Tax,	\$623 23
“ Loans,	9,673 00
Accrued interest on loans,	303 97
Town orders outstanding,	1,193 51
Estimated abatements,	200 00
“ unavailable Tax deeds,	483 00
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	\$12,476 71

RESOURCES.

Balance in Collectors' hands,	\$4,892 87
Tax deeds held,	2,418 26
Due from other towns,	73 20
Balance in Treasury,	667 68
Balance against the town,	4,424, 70
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	\$12,476 71

March 1, 1881.

E. P. BUTLER, TREASURER.

Correct :—ALBERT WHITE, Auditor.

TOWN AGENT'S REPORT.

The Town Agent reported, at your last annual meeting, cases against the town unsettled as follows :

Jones S. Kelley, an action for highway damages ; Hampden vs. Orono, a Paupor case ; the town of Hudson, an unsettled demand on account of supplies to Pauper—Mrs. Nancy Starr ; and a demand of Mrs. A. Page, for \$34.00 land rent, on account of wood shed to school house in Hardy District, alleged to stand on her land.

Trial was had on Kelley case, October Term 1880, and resulted as follows :

A verdict for plaintiff for damages,	\$37 00
Plaintiff costs,	104 81
Defendants “	33 80
Drs. Sanger and Simmons, experts,	35 00
Wm. H. McCrillis, services and expenses,	75 00
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Total	285 61

The result of the above was unexpected, the Jury finding the fence which caused the damage, to be within the limits of the highway, and therefore a defect.

Fully one half of our highways, are to-day, in like condition as to fences, as at the place, at the time of Kelleys alleged accident. Notices were served on each member of the firm of James Walker & Co., notifying them of their liability for any costs and damages resulting from above suit. It is proper to say here, they rendered us valuable assistance in the defence, and used every endeavor to prevent the result.

Case of Hampden vs. Orono, was tried at same term, and

resulted in a disagreement of the Jury : eight for Hampden, four for Orono. The case is assigned to next April term for new trial. Mr. McCrillis, Town's attorney, says he is confident that we shall succeed in our defence ; he understands Plaintiff's position better than at the first trial.

It certainly stands us in hand, to make every proper effort to defend ourselves in this case, as a big future is before us with Mr. Mansell, wife and five children.

The bill of Hudson vs. Orono, was settled by Orono paying the sum of \$7.50 in full settlement.

The demand of Mrs. A. Page was settled, Orono paying the sum of \$14.00 in full for bill and costs. It will be necessary that the shed be removed or torn down, as it stands a few feet on land owned by Mrs. Page, and she would like nothing better than to present a new bill.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. RING.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF ORONO,
FOR THE YEAR 1880--'81.

To the Inhabitants of Orono :

The undersigned herewith submit their
ANNUAL REPORT.

It is with great pleasure that we are enabled to announce to the citizens of Orono, that the municipal year past, has been one of general prosperity in our schools, that the teachers have been quite successful in their labors, and that the attendance, although not being up to what your committee could desire, has been as good as usual, and that in many instances a fervent desire has been manifested by the scholars to make the best of their advantages in climbing the hill of knowledge, and it is noticeable, that where such spirit has been manifested. there we have had the most interesting and successful schools. At the same time we think it our duty to mention that in some few instances during the past winter term, a spirit of insubordination has been manifested by a few scholars, such as has not taken place in our schools for quite a number of years.

We hope we may be pardoned if we mention some of the influences which in our opinion has brought about this state of affairs. Thirty years ago the town in its wisdom saw fit to abolish the district system and grade the schools. The policy has proved to be the true one for the benefit of the schools, and for the advancement of her educational interest, and we very much doubt that the man can be found within our borders who would wish to go back to the good old pod-auger days of the district system.

We believe we now have the true method in our schools, and the sys-

tem in which our scholars can make the most progress, by reason of being better classed; of having schools of proper size; of having better school houses; and of the selection of teachers who are best adapted to certain grades. It has been the practice of the committee in order to give the scholars a fair test of their attainments, to have a written examination between the Summer and Fall Terms of the several schools, so that those who are sufficiently advanced, may go up into the next higher grade, viz. from the Primary to the Select, and from the Select to the High, and we also have another grade for the Winter schools, the Intermediate, which is for the accomodation of those who are unable to attend Summer Terms of school.

There is a class of scholars who have been admitted to the Select School from the lower grades, who after attending that school for several terms, would if allowed, retrograde back into the school from which they had been advanced. We are sorry to say, it, but such is the fact, as evidenced by their own acknowledgement. And why? Several have told a member of the committee during the last winter that "it was too hard work to study" and here is one of the principal causes of all the trouble in school. The scholar is not in earnest: he does not appreciate the opportunity, or the value of an education, and is not properly imbued with the importance of the time that is swiftly passing, and bearing him on to manhood, when he will be called upon to take the station in life that he is fitted for. And upon the parents of the young what a responsibility rests! They are largely accountable for the kind of a man or woman their child will be.

We wish it were in our power to awaken in the parents a sense of the responsibility that rests with them, and that they might be aroused to action, that they would take more personal interest in our common schools, that they would see that their children were more punctual in their attendance, that there might be less tardiness, and that a larger number of scholars in our town be sent to school, and a less number be allowed to idle away their time in loafing around the streets, shops and stores.

The census taken last June by the enumerator by authority of the United States Government shows that we have seven hundred and sixty scholars in this town between the ages of four and twenty one years, and our school reports show that out of that number only five hundred and thirty have attended school during the present year. What the balance have been doing for themselves or the public, is a question for the parents to answer. Here we find another source of insubordination in the schools, for those who remain outside, when they ought to be inside of the school room, exert a pernicious influence over those who are inside. Idlers always are deleterious to workers.

Another cause of trouble in school is a lack of dicipline at home.

The child who is affectionate and obedient at home rarely gives trouble to his teacher, but if taught at the family circle to be respectful to his superiors in age and wisdom, will demean himself accordingly in presence of his teacher, while those who lack a wholesome restraint, are apt to think that the rules which are necessary for the government of schools are an abridgment of their liberties to which they reluctantly yield.

These are a few of the many reasons which we might give for the few cases of unpleasantness in our schools during the past winter, and we hope that the parents will see to it that nothing of the kind may occur again. We believe it to be in your power to remedy the evil and hope that you will do so.

We do not propose to enter into any discussion in regard to the merits or defects of any particular school, but will state in general terms that our schools have been generally in a prosperous condition, and that fair advancement has been made. We cannot forbear however, calling your attention to the High School which is for the eleventh year under direction of Mr. Powell as principal, with Miss Andrews as assistant during the winter term. This we considered a model school, and we regret exceedingly that it has not had more visitors, so that each might see for himself the fine work that is being done there. It is necessary that every one should go and see for himself that he may have a due appreciation of the services of first class teachers.

One great drawback to the perfect success of our schools is, that we are obliged to employ so many that are only waiting for something better to turn up, and the moment that occurs they leave teaching for something more remunerative or congenial to their tastes.

Trained teachers are what we need to make perfect schools. Men and women who dedicate their lives to the profession of teaching, after having fitted themselves for their calling, as members of other professions do.

Until the time comes when we can obtain educated teachers, and be enabled to pay the price to obtain them, there will be disappointment in our schools.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

We report the school buildings all in good repair at the present time, unless we take into account the small building on the Glenburn road, a short distance from the old railroad crossing in the district formerly called the Hardy district. This school house has been practically abandoned for several years, no school having been taught there, and is now occupied by Monroe Inman as a dwelling house. The town owns a lot there, thirty by fifty feet, upon which the school house is located, but by some inadvertence, the wood shed was so located as to project about four feet on to the adjacent pasture, for which the town has been mulcted in the sum of fourteen dollars rent during the past year.

We would therefore suggest the propriety of disposing of the property as it will probably not be needed for school purposes for several years, if ever. The High School building, and the school house at the Basin have been thoroughly painted outside; grading, and fence building, together with minor repairs, have been done around several school houses which have been the principal expenses of keeping up the school property during the past year. The items of expenditure will be found in the report of the Selectmen.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

When the town voted to furnish books in its corporate capacity, for the use of individuals, a majority of your committee acknowledge that they were skeptical in regard to the feasibility of the plan. But after a fair trial we are convinced that it was not only a wise, but an economical measure. We find by actual experience that it was not so expensive as we feared it would be; and in addition we find that we derive other and greater benefits from it.

It is economical, for the reason that in purchasing books in large quantities we get the advantage of wholesale, introductory, or exchange rates. It gives uniformity of text books, and enables us to supply every scholar, whether he be affluent or indigent, with all the books he needs, and at the time they are needed, which oftentimes makes a great saving in the scholar's time. Work can begin at once at the very beginning of the term, and not an hour need be lost.

The whole cost of the school books has been \$142 22, and the cost per scholar less than 27 cents.

EXPENSE OF SCHOOLS.

Compared with the cost of maintaining Schools in other parts of our State, and other places in New England, our schools are supported by a very small sum.

The scholars in the Boston Primary Schools cost the city for the year 1880, \$28.14 for each scholar. The High School Scholars cost the city for the same year, \$87.42 for each scholar.

Portland pays \$22.60 per capita for the maintenance of its Schools, while in Orono the whole expense amounts to only \$7.72 per head, counting only those who have actually taken advantage of their opportunities, and attended school during the year, and if we should take into account the whole number of scholars in town, many of whom have thrown away their advantages for obtaining an education, the whole expense of maintaining the public schools in this town would be only \$5.37 per scholar.

In view of the above statistics, we believe that but few, if any towns can be found that can make a better exhibit than Orono, when the quality of its schools is taken into consideration.

The following is the exhibit of the debits and credits of the school funds placed at our disposal, the items of which are reported by the Selectmen :

Unexpended balance from last year,	\$173 26
Over payment refunded,	9 00
Sale of old seats,	20 00
School fund from the State,	306 67
Mill tax, " " "	770 93
Free High School, " "	250 00
Appropriated by the town,	2312 00
Free High School, the town,	500 00
Total,	\$4341 86

EXPENDITURES.

For wages paid teachers,	\$3359 00
" all other bills,	686 51
Balance unexpended,	296 35
	\$4341 86

For a retrospective view of the work of the various schools for the past year, your attention is invited to the following tables :

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

SUMMER TERM OF TEN WEEKS EACH.

TEACHER.	LOCATION.	Wages per Week.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Instances of Tardiness.	Instances of Dismissal.	Number not Absent.	No. of Daily Classes.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Penmanship.	Visits of S. S. Com.	Visits of Citizens.
Nellie E. Weeks,	Bangor Road.	€ .00	15 13	15 5	31 7	11 9	6 1	4					
M. Addie Powers,	Main Street.	€ .00	41 35	41 20	31 5	22 22	22 3	13					
C. C. Johnston & E. Libbey,	Elm Street.	€ .00	46 40	38 25	8 10	34 16	16 2	10					
Nellie M. Holt,	Elm Street.	€ .00	44 40	51 35	25 17	22 15	13 2	19					
Annie M. Gee,	Bennoch Street.	€ .00	29 24	28 15	7 18	14 11	11 2	13					
Alice Wise,	Basin.	€ .00	34 28	63 21	8 17	10 10	10 2	6					
Lizzie B. Ring,	Basin.	€ .00	33 28	53 33	13 15	23 12	17 2	—					
L. M. Buffum,	Penobscot Street.	€ .00	38 34	210 42	7 16	25 23	— 2	30					
Mary A. Crowell,	College Street.	€ .00	29 24	37 16	7 15	20 14	19 2	12					
Hattie E. Hayes,	Bog Road.	€ .00	17 14	24 5	5 15	12 9	7 2	6					

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

FALL TERM OF ELEVEN WEEKS EACH.

TEACHER.	LOCATION.										
		Wages per Week.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Instances of Tardiness.	Instances of Dismissal.	Number not Absent.	No. of Daily Classes.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Penmanship.
M. Addie Powers,	Main Street.	6.00	48	42	52	22	22	13	26	26	26
Carrie C. Johnston,	Elm Street.	6.00	40	36	59	28	14	13	23	12	22
Nellie M. Holt,	Elm Street.	6.00	48	42	37	39	22	16	23	15	15
Annie M. Gee,	Bennoch Street.	6.00	26	24	54	18	10	15	12	10	12
Lizzie B. Ring,	Basin.	6.00	27	24	58	62	13	15	20	14	11
Alice Wise,	Basin.	6.00	24	21½	44	30	10	15	6	5	5
L. M. Buffum,	Penobscot Street.	6.00	37	35	111	9	7	16	22	22	19
Mary A. Crowell,	College Street.	6.00	24	21	39	22	6	13	17	17	15
Hattie E. Hayes,	Bog Road.	6.00	16	13	29	3	7	15	9	8	8

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

WINTER TERM.

TEACHER.	LOCATION.										
		Wages per Week.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Instances of Tardiness.	Instances of Dismissal.	Number not Absent.	No. of Daily Classes.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Penmanship.
George A. Sutton,	Bangor Road.	6.50	10	8	29	6	2	13	8	8	7
James H. Cain,	Bog Road.	7.00	23	17½	81	9	4	14	17	14	18
Alice Wise,	Glenburn Road.	7.00	8	7	13	4	4	18	7	6	7

Length of Winter terms, eleven weeks for the school on Bog Road; ten weeks each for the other two.

Three only of the teachers employed in this grade of schools were without previous experience in teaching, and it gives us pleasure to report that none of them have failed to give quite general satisfaction, although we think that experience will add to their value.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

We have been obliged to add one to the number of this grade of schools, to accomodate all who wished to attend. Last winter we found that Mr. Durgin's school on Elm Street was too large for one teacher, there having been so many classes that there was not sufficient time to devote to the recitations. We therefore deemed it necessary to divide that school and establish another, taking out the smaller scholars and engaging a female teacher to take charge of them. We are now satisfied that it was a proper and economical movement. From the following table can be obtained the details of the work done in this grade of schools.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

WINTER TERM.

TEACHER.	LOCATION.	Wages per Week.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Instances of Tardiness.	Instances of Dismissal.	Number not Absent.	No. of Classes Daily.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. in Penmanship.	Visits of S. S. Com.	Visits of Citizens
M. Addie Powers,	Main Street.	7.00	43	35½	91	32	14	25	43	43	—	43	538	
A. J. Durgin,	Elm Street.	9.00	30	26	136	—	215	30	29	—	30	2	6	
Ellen Libbey,	Elm Street.	7.00	32	28½	60	43	9	17	32	4	—	32	220	
J. C. Wilson,	Basin.	9.00	33	28	40	48	11	10	33	20	11	33	316	
Lizzie B. Ring,	Basin.	7.00	28	25	51	32	12	15	24	12	—	22	2	7
Herbert Webster,	Penobscot Street.	8.00	40	28	207	57	4	11	35	34	—	34	219	

SELECT SCHOOL.

Wages of teacher \$8 00 per week for the summer and fall terms, and \$9 00 per week for the winter term.

At the commencement of the year a majority of your committee deemed it expedient to employ a male teacher for this school, and accordingly engaged the services of Mr. Gibbs, a graduate of the Maine State College. Mr. Gibbs taught the summer and fall terms, and at the end of the fifth week of the winter term, tendered his resignation in order to accept a more lucrative position on a Western railroad. His resignation being accepted, we immediately engaged the services of Mr. Ferguson, who is also a graduate of the same institution, to finish out the winter term. We were particularly fortunate in securing his services in

time to prevent a break in the term, as the school went on uninterruptedly, and no time was lost.

The following abstract from the returns will give an idea of the work :

SELECT SCHOOL.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.	Gibbs.	Winter.	Ferguson.
Whole number registered,	36 48	51	48			
Average number in attendance,	25 41	45	42			
Instances of Tardiness,	74 66	28	33			
Instances of Dismissal,	113 63	41	27			
Number not absent during term,	6 5	12	9			
Number of daily recitations,	10 10	10	9			
Number of pupils in Arithmetic,	36 48	51	48			
No. of pupils in Geography,	3 6 48	51	48			
Number of pupils in Grammar,	17 21	12	14			
Number of pupils in Penmanship,	36 48	51	48			
Number of pupils in Reading,	36 48	51	48			
Number of pupils in Spelling,	36 48	51	48			
Number of visits by S. S. Committee,	2 2	2	2			
Number of visits by citizens,	2 12	—	15			

HIGH SCHOOL.

S. H. POWELL, Principal, Salary, \$1000 per year. Miss LAURA R. ANDREWS, Assistant for the Winter Term. Wages \$8 per week.

The fact that Mr. Powell has been retained in his present position for eleven years, speaks more forcibly than words for the success of the school under his charge. In the opinion of your committee, he is the right man in the right place. Under his direction the school runs itself, so far as discipline is concerned, leaving him, and the pupils under his charge, nothing else to do than to attend to business; and if there are any doubts about business being attended to, and hard work done, such doubts will be instantly dissipated by a visit to the Orono High School. Step in friends, and see how smoothly the machinery runs; it is worth your while. Possibly you may get an idea or two yourself. Go in and see the school; it will do you no harm, and may possibly do some one good. At any rate it will encourage both teachers and scholars to have you take an interest in their school, and show that you are not forgetful that this is the place where young men and women are fitted for the duties of life that will soon open upon them; that this is the place where they are to prepare themselves to assume the duties of teachers of those who follow them. Again let us urge you, fellow citizens, to take a more lively interest in our schools; of whatever grade they may be, your presence is of great value.

For an Assistant to Mr. Powell for the winter term we fortunately secured the services of Miss Andrews, who is a graduate of the Normal School at Castine, and who has since been employed as one of the teachers in the same institution. She came to us highly recommended and has not disappointed us.

The following is a synopsis of the year's work in this school:

HIGH SCHOOL.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Whole number of scholars registered,	3443		60
Average attendance.	3040		54
Instances of tardiness,	2427		48
Instances of dismissal,	2739		36
Number not absent,	910		18
Number of recitations daily,	1112		18
“ in Arithmetic,	2831		47
“ “ Geometry,	3 4		6
“ “ Algebra,	8 8		15
“ “ Reading,	3443		60
“ “ Grammar,	2939		39
“ “ Rhetoric,	0 5		7
“ “ History of the United States,	1119		22
“ “ Physiology,	010		12
“ “ Physics,	0 9		11
“ “ Latin,	7 0		11
“ “ French,	6 5		5
“ “ Astronomy,	0 0		7
“ “ Botany,	13 0		0
“ “ Book-keeping,	0 0		6
“ “ Rhetorical exercises,	3443		60
“ “ Music and Calisthenics,	0 0		60
“ “ Penmanship,	0 0		24
“ of visits by S. S. Committee,	2 2		3
“ of visits by citizens,	5958		139

In conclusion, we cannot too deeply impress upon you the recognized fact that knowledge is power, and that the great source of learning for the common people is our common schools.

Intelligent labor is the most productive, and it matters not what position in life one is to occupy, education will never cease to be a well-spring of pleasure to its possessor.

The farmer, or the laboring man, should be equal to the professional man, as far as education goes, in order that he may be enabled to take advantage of the circumstances which surround him. Our education should be practical. It is in accordance with the fundamental principles of our government that every one shall have an equal chance for an education. The indigent, as well as affluent, should have the opportunity of advancing himself to any position in life to which he may attain by his own endeavors with our assistance. Therefore we ought, individually and collectively to nurture and sustain our common schools.

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. MAYO,
N. WILSON,
SAM'L LIBBEY, } S. S. Committee,
Orono, 1880-81.